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The Newsletter of the Puget Sound Camera Club



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The Puget Sound Camera Club (PSCC) welcomes new members of any level of expertise in digital and film photography. The Club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Maplewood Presbyterian Church in Edmonds, Washington. Activities include education, review of work, and exhibition opportunities.

The PSCC was organized in 1984 and is a member of the Photographic Society of America and the Northwest Council of Camera Clubs.

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Message from the President

Hi everyone!

I hope you all have a wonderful, healthy, and happy 2026! And I also hope everyone made it through this fall/winter's flooding, wind and washed out roads safely so far. Watch out for disappearing roads and ponds on roads the rest of this winter!

If you haven't already, please register soon for our special January 7 Education Night with Tony Sweet. It's via Zoom only and starts at 7 pm. There is no set fee to attend but please donate to defray the cost of having Tony present his program on The Color of Water.

January 7 is also the due date for January's Digital Night entries. The assignment is Negative Space. The assignment for Print Night is Architecture. Don't forget about the inside of buildings on wet, windy, chilly days.

Check the club calendar periodically for new field trip postings.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in 2026!

Chris Currie
PSCC President

Useful Web Links

It's a new year and a great opportunity to learn new techniques or refine old ones. One tool a lot of us rely on is **Focus Stacking**. Whether you are doing macro or landscape, focus stacking can be useful. The folks at DIY Photography have put together a fairly comprehensive overview on the subject here:

<https://www.diyphotography.net/focus-stacking-guide/>

Also from DIY Photography is an excellent guide on **Protecting Your Camera Gear While Traveling**. It covers simple maintenance and cleaning, theft protection, and packing your gear for travel. Well worth the review.

<https://www.diyphotography.net/how-to-protect-your-camera-gear-while-traveling/>

Finally, if you are looking for a new photo editing tool take a look at **Affinity**. Affinity Photo has been a popular Photoshop alternative for years. Affinity Design is a full featured vector editor along the lines of Illustrator and Affinity Publisher is an excellent alternative to InDesign (I've been using it for this newsletter for over 7 years). New owner Canva has made the bold choice of merging the three apps into Affinity and making it free. All of the features of the three apps are still there. Well worth the look. <https://www.affinity.studio/>

Holiday Party 2025

A great time was had by all at our annual holiday party. We had excellent pizza from Pagliacci and people brought some wonderful desserts. The white elephant gift exchange was lots of fun as usual. We even had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus! (courtesy of Luke and Marci Angelis).

Photos by Lynne Greenup and Henry Heerschap.

